

REMARKS**Status of Claims**

The Ex Parte Quayle Action mailed February 23, 2005 has been reviewed and the comments of the Patent and Trademark Office have been considered. Claims 1-3, 7-16, and 28-33 were pending in the application, with claims 1-3 and 7-16 being withdrawn from consideration. Claim 28 has been amended, claims 1-3, 7-16, and 33 have been canceled and no claims have been newly added. Therefore, claims 28-32 are pending in the application.

This amendment changes and deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, are presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Applicants thank the examiner for indicating that claims 28-33 are allowed.

Amendments to the Abstract, Specification and Claims

A substitute abstract is attached on a separate page at the end of this Amendment. The substitute abstract addresses the issues raised in paragraph 2 of the Quayle Action. The term "twisted wire rods" has been amended to --twisted wires-- and a few other informalities have been corrected. No new matter has been added.

With respect to the issues raised in paragraph 2(i), applicants have amended claim 28 as suggested by the examiner. The issue noted with claim 33 is mooted with the cancellation of claim 33 although applicants note that the original disclosure supported that claim. See M.P.E.P. § 2163.06 (III).

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the application is now in condition for allowance in accordance with the indications in the Quayle Action. If there are any questions regarding the application, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account No. 19-0741 for any such fees; and applicants hereby petition for any needed extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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